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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 12 and 17 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

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Claim 12 (Currently Amended). An electronic image pickup apparatus, comprising:

a housing which houses a finder unit, an electronic image pickup unit and an image display device, and which is provided
5 with an image display device operating member being used to operate the image display device on an outer surface thereof, wherein:

an eyepiece window of the finder unit is located on a rear surface area, in which an image display screen of the image
10 display device is exposed, in the outer surface of the housing,

the eyepiece window is also located in a left side of the image display screen of the image display device on ~~a~~ the rear surface area, and

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the image display device operating member is located in a
15 right side of the image display screen of the image display
device on the rear surface area.

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Claim 13 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup
apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the eyepiece window of
the finder unit is located in a vicinity of an upper end of the
rear surface area, and the image display device operating member
5 is also located in the vicinity of the upper end of the rear
surface area.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup
apparatus, comprising:

a lens unit which images an object and produces an
electronic pickup image;

5 an image display device which displays the image; and

a housing which houses the lens unit and the image display
device,

wherein the lens unit and the image display device are
arranged in the housing to prevent the lens unit and the image
10 display device from overlapping with each other in a direction
along an optical axis of the lens unit.

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Claim 15 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising an electronic flash which is housed in the housing, and which emits light, and

wherein the housing further comprises an electronic flash window which allows light emitted from the electronic flash to be projected toward the object, and the electronic flash window is arranged at an upper position of a center portion of a front region in an outer surface of the housing.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a finder unit which captures a desired photographic target, the finder unit including a finder eyepiece and being housed in the housing, and

wherein the finder eyepiece and an image display screen of the image display device are arranged on a rear region of an outer surface of the housing to prevent the finder eyepiece and the image display screen from overlapping with each other, and the finder eyepiece is positioned at an upper end position in one end side on the rear region.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a signal terminal which is used to output an image signal generated by the

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electronic image pickup unit and which is arranged in a side end
5 area on the outer surface of the housing and in a left portion of
the finder unit.

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Claim 18 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup
apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a signal
terminal which is used to output an image signal corresponding to
the electronic pickup image produced by the lens unit and which
5 is arranged in a side end area on the outer surface of the
housing and in a left portion of the finder unit.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup
apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising an image
pickup substrate which is used to control the lens unit and which
is housed in the housing, the image pickup unit substrate being
5 arranged in a back side of the lens unit and in a lateral side of
the image display device.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup
apparatus, comprising:

a finder unit which has an eyepiece window and which is used
to capture an object;

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5 an electronic image pickup unit which picks up an electronic image from the object captured by the finder unit;

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an image display device which has an image display screen, the screen being used to display the electronic image;

a housing which houses the finder unit, the electronic image
10 pickup unit and the image display device, the eyepiece window being arranged at a position near to an upper end of a rear area of an outer surface of the housing, and the eyepiece window being arranged in an upper-left of the image display device; and

an image display device operating member which is used to
15 operate the image display device and which is located on the rear area of the outer surface of the housing.
